

# DEPOSIT COLORS OF 52ND IN ST. JOHN'S FOR SAFE KEEPING

Impressive Ceremony as Battalion's  
Flags Are Handed Over to  
Trustees.

A very unique and impressive ceremony took place at St. John's church, Port Arthur, at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the colors of the 52nd battalion were placed in the church for safe keeping, being entrusted to the care of the rector and of the churchwardens.

## The Ceremony

Promptly at the appointed hour the color bearers, Lieutenant W. M. Smith M. C., of Montreal, carrying the battalion colors, and Lieutenant H. E. Henderson, of Toronto, carrying the king's colors, arrived at the church, with Color-Sergeant Teddiman in attendance, a guard of honor with fixed bayonets consisting of Corporal Felix and three privates, surrounding the colors. The officer commanding and other officers who were present formed up in two lines from the entrance to the church grounds up to the porch at the salute as the colors were borne past them into the sacred edifice. The large congregation which had assembled in the church stood as the colors were borne up the nave to the foot of the chancel steps, where Churchwardens A. P. Freed and Dr. C. N. Laurie received them passing them on to Rev. O. L. Jull, locum tenens of St. John's church, and to Rev. W. H. Trickett, rector-elect of St. Paul's, Fort William, who bore them up between the choir stalls to the altar steps, where the colors were received by Captain the Rev. Canon Hedley, C. F. formerly chaplain of the 94th battalion and the immediate past rector of St. John's parish. Canon Hedley, after laying the colors on the altar, gave a short address to the officers and men of the battalion, after the hymn "O God, our Help in ages past" had been sung. A few prayers were offered, one verse of the national anthem was sung, and the ceremony, simple but most impressive was over.

## Appropriate Music

H. S. H. Goodler organist of the church presided at the organ, and before the presentation of the colors played "O Canada," "The Maple Leaf For Ever," "March of the Men of Harlech" and "Rule Britannia." While the colors were borne up the aisle of the church "O Canada" was played on the organ in a stately and dignified manner. The organ postlude was Sir Micheal Costa's "March of the Israelites."

Rev. Canon Burt, rector of St. Luke's church, and rector-elect of Parry Sound, was present at the ceremony as a member of the congregation.

### Officers Present

Amongst the officers of the 52nd battalion who were present, in addition to the color bearers mentioned above, were; Lieutenant-Colonel W. W. Foster, D. S. O. and two bars, Croix de guerre and bar, Belgium, Croix de guerre and golden star, France, Victoria B. C., -Major W. T. Lawless, D. S. O. Ottawa; Major J. D. Young, M. C. and two bars, Portage la Prairie; Captain C. P. J. O'Kelly, V. C., M. C., Winnipeg; Captain McKinnon, Winnipeg; Captain T. L. Williams, Port Arthur, battalion quartermaster; Captain Arthur Lane, Victoria; Captain F. A. Keall, M. C., Winnipeg; Lieutenant F. R. Watson, M. C., Souris, Man., battalion adjutant; Lieutenant G. A. G. Yeomans, Brandon, assistant battalion adjutant; Lieutenant McMurray, Winnipeg; Lieutenant D. M. Bowron, Port Arthur; Lieutenant H. C. McLean, M. C., London, Ont., Lieutenant J. A. Johnson, M. M., Fort William.

### The Trustees

The trustees of the colors are Lieut-Col. Foster, O. C., Captain the Rev. Canon C. W. Hedley, C. F.; Major J. D. Young; Captain T. L. Williams. The deed of trust in which the safe-keeping of the colors is vested is signed by the officer commanding and the adjutant, and will be also signed by the rector and churchwardens of St. John's church.

### The Wording of the Deed

The deed of trust reads as follows: "The colors of the 52nd Canadian infantry battalion are this date deposited in St. John's church, Port Arthur, in care of the rector and churchwardens, and no other disposition will be made of them unless with the consent of the undersigned trustees, who are, in the event of arrangements being made to perpetuate the traditions of the 52nd battalion by the establishment of a permanent militia unit, empowered to delegate their trusteeship by mutual agreement and upon authorization of the militia department, Ottawa.

"Port Arthur, March 31st, 1919."